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**RE: MUR 5575
Alaska Democratic Party and
Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee**

Dear Messrs. Reiff and Elias :

This is in response to your letter dated January 6, 2009 requesting an extension of 20 days to respond to the General Counsel's Briefs recommending a finding of probable cause to believe that Alaska Democratic Party and Rolando Rivas, in his official capacity as treasurer and Tony Knowles for US Senate Committee and Leslie Ridle, in her official capacity as treasurer (collectively, "respondents") violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") in connection with the above referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, respondents' reply briefs are due by the close of business on January 27, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1505.

Sincerely,

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